



Workington Together Community Panel Update

Meeting Date – 5 March 2024

Lead Officer - Paul Musgrave

1.0 Purpose / Summary

- 1.1 The report updates this Community Panel on recent activity by Cumberland Council within this Community Panel area.
- 1.2 The work of the Community Panel contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2023 - 2027 vision:
 - Cumberland Council takes a fresh approach to the delivery of inclusive services that are shaped by our residents and communities.
 - By enabling positive outcomes for health and wellbeing, prosperity and the environment we will fulfil the potential of our people and our area.
- 1.3 The Council Plan aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents through the following priorities:
 - Addressing inequalities
 - Local economies that work for local people
 - Environmental resilience and the climate emergency
 - Delivering excellent public services
- 1.4 This Community Panel has also identified the following priorities for this panel area which are:
 - Empowering Children and Young People to be the Best.
 - Supporting Communities to Help Themselves
 - Food Poverty

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members note the contents of the report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 This report sets out the activity that has taken place within this Community Panel area in the last quarter that has been led or supported by Cumberland Council. It also makes reference to consultations that are Cumberland wide or specific to this area.
- 3.2 This Community Panel covers the wards of Harrington, Seaton, Moss Bay and Moorclose, St Johns and Gt Clifton, St Michaels

Network Events and Network Activity

- 3.3 The Workington Together Panel Community Development Officer will be attending a variety of local groups active in the Workington Together Community Panel area. The intended outcome is to promote the work of the Panels, engage the community and encourage collaborative ways of working with partners and stakeholders.
- 3.4 In addition the Workington Together Panel CDO will also attend organised events to promote and profile the work of the Community Panel and Community Development team. Upcoming events include:
- Workington Place Partnership Programme – Active Cumbria held an event at Whitehaven Golf Club on 29 February 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to provide attendees with the opportunity to learn more about the programme. This followed discussions between Active Cumbria and Sport England regarding their plans to invest in around 80 – 100 places across England over the course of the next 5 years as part of their Place Partnership Expansion Programme.
 - Spring into Action – to be held at the Oval Centre, Salterbeck, Workington on 12 March 2024. This event ‘West Together catch up and seed swop’ will include speakers from a range of partners including Officers from the Community Development Team.
 - Social Prescribing Day 14 March 2024 Christ Church Central, Workington. The Community Development Officer will support an annual celebration of social prescribing, recognising link workers, local community groups and regional and national organisations which support people’s health and wellbeing.

Update on Co-opted Member recruitment

- 3.5 The original proposed timeframe for implementing the co-opted members is as shown below.

Report to Council Executive	3 October 2023
Report to Community Panels to set out the framework as agreed by the Executive and obtain agreement to recruit	Community Panel meetings for December 2023 / January 2024 tranche
Recruitment process	January / February 2024
Report to Community Panels to confirm recruitment of co-opted members for the year 2024-2025	Community Panel meetings for March 2024 tranche

Co-opted members in place (induction) and attending Community Panel meetings	Community Panel meetings for June 2024 tranche
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- 3.6 There was some delay in starting the process although it is now well underway and the application process is open and being advertised. The closing date is 29 February 2024. The next stage of the process has been developed with consideration being given to the number of applications. The process is fully supported by officers and arrangements have been made so that the final decision regarding appointments rests with each panel.
- 3.7 The option is to appoint up to three co-opted Members per panel, although a panel could decide to elect one, two, three or none.
- 3.8 Membership will be ratified at the June meeting and the co-opted members will be invited to that meeting to take up their place.

Active Cumbria

Active Cumbria - Programme Delivery Outputs and Progress

- 3.9 **Street Tag** - On 3 January 2024, the previous school based programme was relaunched with a new format.
- 3.10 The previous locality leader boards were merged to match the two new unitary authorities. It was widened to include more settings in addition to schools. Workplaces, community organisations, sports clubs, and families etc, are now able to create teams and compete on one of the two leader boards.
- 3.11 Active Cumbria are now inviting people to become team captains and create teams for their respective settings.
- 3.12 Season one of the new programme completes on the 13 March 2024. Active Cumbria will be able to share the results and outcomes of that first season once they are available.
- 3.13 36 Schools and organisations from across Cumberland are engaging in the current years programme.
- 3.14 **Active Travel to School – Bikeability** - training has been delivered in the following schools in the panel area:
- St Patricks Catholic Primary School – 23 pupils in Year 5, 22 pupils in Year 4
 - Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School – 7 Pupils in Year 5
 - Workington Academy – 6 Pupils in Year 7
 - Victoria Junior School – 21 Pupils in Year 6
- 3.15 **Active Start** - Northside Primary School, Beckstone Primary School, Seaton Academy and Ashfield Infants have undertaken Active Start training for Early Years this academic year.

- 3.16 **Ramblers Wellbeing Walks** - Two Walk Leader (WL) training sessions took place in July 2023 and January 2024 at Distington. There were 16 attendees from across the former Allerdale and Copeland areas.
- 3.17 Currently there is a bi-weekly Wellbeing Walk taking place, organised through the Social Prescribing team in Workington. Details at **appendix 1**
- 3.18 **Active Lives Survey** - Following Local Government Reform, data is now collected on a unitary authority footprint and not a district footprint. This approach means less schools are randomly selected to participate and data is more generalised across the unitary area.

Local Focus Hub Update

- 3.19 The purpose of the Local Focus Hubs (LFH) is to coordinate partner agencies, establishing clear and productive relationships with key partners from statutory, secondary and third tier and voluntary groups. The aim of the LFH is to:
- Improve community safety and tackle difficult and long- term problems where a single organisation has explored all options and requires a partnership approach.
 - Lead on community safety initiatives and reduce the fear of ASB and Crime.
 - Identify emerging trends and look at initiatives to prevent and reduce ASB and Crime in partnership and collaboration.
- 3.20 There are three established Local Focus Hubs in Cumberland Council. Each geographically aligned with the neighbourhood policing teams of Carlisle and Wigton, Derwent and Esk. Each hub is based in co-located offices with easy access offering partners the opportunity to work and collaborate with LFH staff.
- The Allerdale LFH is in Allerdale House and shares office space with Housing Locations, Environmental Health and Licensing.
 - Each LFH has a Police officer Hub Coordinator allocated, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of referrals received from partners.

Operating Model

- 3.21 Problems are referred into the hub by any partner agency signed up to the information sharing agreement. A referral can relate to an individual, a family, a business, or organisation. The issue referred could be concerning crime and disorder, health and wellbeing, environmental, housing and many other areas of work.
- 3.22 There is an online referral form containing a series of risk assessment-based questions which produce a grading. Each referral is then managed through an established problem-solving model.

Partners

- 3.23 Each Hub manages referrals in the same way, with each Hub having slightly different partners depending on the needs of the community.

3.24 Each LFH manager works alongside the neighbourhood policing team's Inspector which provides a lead on collaborative partnership work with:

- Community Sergeants, Community Beat Officers, Police Community Support officers, Child Centred Policing Teams, Police Mental Health team, Youth offending and Crime Prevention.
- Cumbria Fire and Rescue, NHS Services including Addiction and Mental Health services, Multi-Disciplinary Teams (Vulnerable service users living in the community), MARAC (Multi-agency risk assessment conference), Environment Agency, British Transport Police, Immigration.
- Local Authority – Environmental Health, Licensing, Enforcement, Legal, Planning, Homelessness Team, Greenspaces, Highways, Education, HAWCs, Trading Standards
- Social Housing partners from Riverside, Castles and Coasts, Home Group, My Spaces, Home Group, Westfield Housing and other smaller housing providers are key partners who we work with daily.
- Remedi (Mediation service and support for victims of ASB), Victim Support. Youth Organisations, Youth Offending, Age Concern, Business crime reduction group, Cumbria Family Support and many others.

3.25 An overview of Local Focus Hub initiatives is at **appendix 2**.

Libraries Update

- 3.26 A monthly 'What's On' in Allerdale Libraries' guide has been introduced. Customers, partner organisations and other service providers can see what groups and events are taking place that month. It is available in print in branches and electronically. 'What's On' February edition at **appendix 3**.
- 3.27 February Half Term seen a host of activities aimed at children happening across Libraries in the Workington Together Panel area. Libraries will support annual World Book Day with costume swaps combined with World Book Day themed activities. This is aimed at helping ease the financial burden on parents.
- 3.28 Wordsworth Trust, Grasmere will be visiting Workington Library to deliver their popular Rucksack of Rhymes sessions and a new partner, BAE systems will be delivering a day of Roving Robots coding workshops also at Workington Library. More information and booking available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/allerdale-libraries-42262177793>.
- 3.29 Social at the Library, a new group offering the opportunity to meet new people and build social connections, has been launched at Workington Library, it takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm.

Support Leaflet

- 3.30 The 'Christmas Support' leaflet has been updated and rebranded 'Winter Support'. The new version is at **appendix 4**.

Consultations

Family Wellbeing Transformation

- 3.31 Cumberland Council are looking to transform their Family Wellbeing services to better meet the needs of children, young people and families in Cumberland. Their vision is that every child grows up in a nurturing and supportive environment, surrounded by love and a strong community which enables them to thrive. By prioritising children and family wellbeing, they can create a brighter future for generations to come.
- 3.32 In the Workington Together Panel area the first engagement event took place at Workington library on Monday 5 February 2024. Additional engagement sessions took place in Wigton library on Monday 5 February 2024, Egremont and Whitehaven libraries on Thursday 22 February 2024 and Brampton and Harraby community centres on Wednesday 28 February 2024.
- 3.33 The drop-ins offered the public an opportunity to share their views, ask questions and speak to Elected Members and staff. Members of the public were also invited to complete the Family Wellbeing in Cumberland survey.
- 3.34 The survey, which closes on 15 March 2024, can be found online at <https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/children-and-family-wellbeing/children-and-family-wellbeing-services/>

Waste Collection Review

- 3.35 Cumberland Council are reviewing the waste collection services and are inviting feedback to help meet the needs of the residents.
- 3.36 The government is introducing a system called "Simpler Recycling". This means that Local Authorities are required to collect glass bottles and jars, tins and cans, household plastics such as bottles, tubs and trays (including flexible plastics e.g. crisp packets, biscuit/chocolate wrappers, film, bread wrappers), cartons, paper and cardboard, garden waste and food waste from the kerbside.
- 3.37 In addition, residents are being asked what other items could be collected from the kerbside to make recycling of all household items as simple and easy as possible.
- 3.38 The survey closes 15 March 2024 and is available online at <https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/communications-and-marketing/waste-collection-public-engagement-survey/>

4.0 Options

Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 No other options considered as this report is to note only.

Risks

4.2 The associated corporate risk is as follows:

There is a risk that the Community Panels and Community Networks do not effectively engage with and/or represent the views of local residents, partners, businesses and third sector organisations.

4.3 The activities outlined in this report and the associated recommendations help to mitigate this risk. There are no further risks associated with this report.

Consultation

4.4 There has been no consultation associated with the recommendations of this report.

Legal Comment

4.5 No legal issues arise directly from the report. Any legal issues arising from the delivery of specific projects will be dealt with as they arise.

Finance Comment

The Workington Together Community Panel is one of 8 Community Panels which are funded from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund which is part of Communities and Localities within the Public Health and Communities Directorate.

The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Workington Together Community Panel is £78,619.

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Impact Assessments

4.6 An impact Assessment has not been used.

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Appendices attached to report:

Appendix 1 Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

Appendix 2 Local Focus Hub Initiatives

Appendix 3 Library Service 'What's On'

Appendix 4 Winter Support Leaflet